

Wash. Aug 22. 1834.

My dear Sir I have written to Mr Toulson
to explain our inability to attend the
meeting on Thursday. I should willingly
have made a journey to London for
the purpose had it been in my power
but I write this letter with great in-
both hands. The turning of the subject
has brought us already one scheme
for a monument to Shakespeare.
In my opinion a thumbled copy in
the back woods of America is a better
monument than all the marble we
could put together. The present scheme
will add no honor to his name, but
its success will save us from a
national disgrace, which negative
result I take to be its real purpose.

It occurs to me that as your engagement
with the Museum Enquiries will closely
occupy your time immediately, &
continually you might find as
convenient opportunity intervals of
leisure in preparing a catalogue
raisonné of the various remarkable
editions & copies in the Bridgewater
Collection of Shakespeare & others
connected with him as contemporaries
or followers, embracing what you
please of former notices & bringing
better old & new into one form.
If the project suits you I shall
be glad to work it with you while
either private print is possible
or may prove most expedient.

Yours

Very faithfully

Georg. Allen

J. P. Collier Esq.



Handwritten scribble or signature

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